GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Fake Currency
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that smugglers have imitated the security features of the new 2000 currency notes and printed/circulated fake notes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cases reported and quantum of fake Indian currency notes seized after the introduction of new currency notes by various agencies including NIA and BSF along with the number of persons arrested, State-wise;

(c) whether fake currency notes are being smuggled from the neighbouring
countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the investigation made to find out other sources of the said fake currency notes; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to check circulation and smuggling of new currency notes in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (d): As per the data given by National Crime Records Bureau
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(NCRB), the state-wise details of Rs. 2000 denomination FICN recovered and seized, FIRs and the total accused after the introduction of the new currency notes is given in the Annexure. In addition in one case NIA has seized three counterfeit notes of Rs. 2000 denomination and in another case West Bengal Police in coordination with NIA has seized FICN having face value of Rs. 3.9 lakhs of Rs. 2000 denomination. Also, with regard to new currency notes of Rs. 2000 denomination, BSF has seized such notes of Rs. 2.96 lakh face value in two cases.
As per the report of the agencies, there have been instances where it has been found that the fake currency has been smuggled from the neighbouring countries. Whether the FICN is of low quality, such as scanned/photocopies of genuine notes, or whether security features have been compromised is determined by investigation.

(e) The Government has taken various measures to check the smuggling and circulation of fake Indian currency notes into the country which, inter alia, include:-

(i) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 criminalises the production or smuggling or circulation of High Quality Fake Indian paper currency, coin or any other material as a terrorist act.
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(ii) One special FICN Coordination group (FCORD) has been formed by the MHA to share intelligence/information among the different security agencies of the state/centre to counter the problem of circulation of fake currency notes in the country. A Terror Funding and Fake Currency Cell (TFFC) has been constituted in NIA to investigate terror funding and fake currency cases.

(iii) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Bangladesh to prevent and counter smuggling of fake currency notes.

(iv) Strengthening the security at the international borders by using new surveillance technologies, deploying additional manpower for round the clock surveillance, establishing observation posts along the international border, erection of border fencing and intensive patrolling.

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